

Giants of the Gobi

Free tickets draw students to popular OMSI exhibit

by John Bragg
of The Commuter

Sixty-five million years ago, the deserts of Mongolia thundered with noise as beasts as big as buses rocked and stomped, pursuing their own unfathomable purposes amidst ancient sands, marshes and rivers.

Everything about the giants seemed huge: some had leg bones as tall as a man, some had teeth as long as a man's hand.

Somehow their world came to a stop. Perhaps a comet smashed into the Earth, darkening the skies and changing the world forever. Dinosaurs everywhere disappeared and the residents of the Gobi Desert of Mongolia vanished for an eternity beneath drifting sand, only to be exposed for a few geological seconds eons later as 20th Century explorers happened by.

Saturday, a group of LBCC students got a first hand look at dinosaurs, eggs and all, on a tour of the "Giants of the Gobi" exhibition currently on display at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) in Portland. The tour, sponsored by the LBCC student programming board, included transportation and free admission to the museum's main attractions. About a dozen students participated.

Tammi Paul Bryant, director of Student Life and Leadership, said the OMSI tour is representative of

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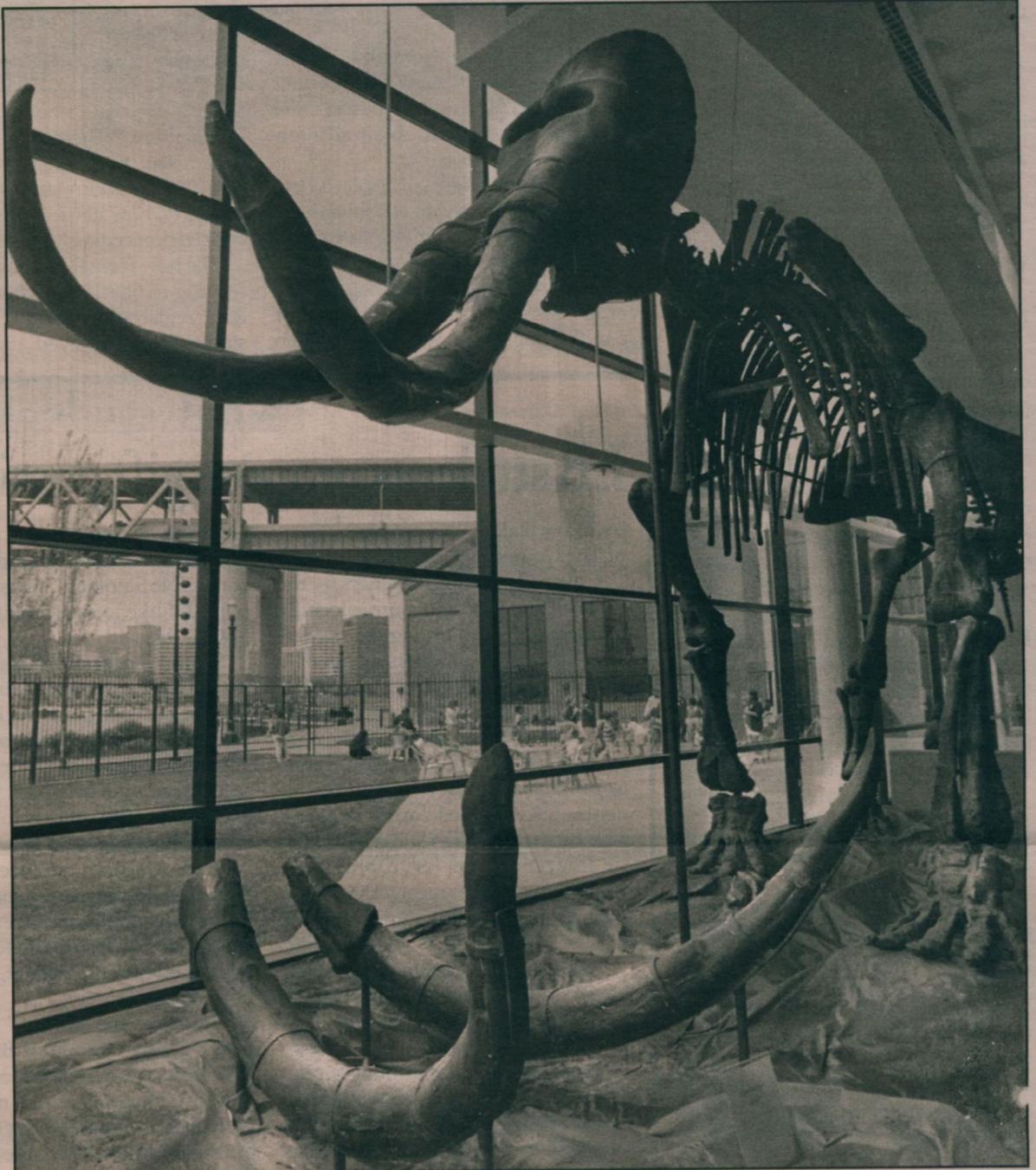


Photo by John Bragg

A woolly mammoth greets visitors at the OMSI's Giants of the Gobi exhibit in Portland, where fossils of dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals from Mongolia currently are on display.

Campus survey results: Students want limited smoking areas

by Pete Petryszak
of The Commuter

A recent campus poll on smoking policies indicated that most of the respondents—both smokers and nonsmokers—want the college to establish designated smoking areas on campus.

The purpose of the survey was to "examine the feelings and attitudes" of students and staff about smoking on campus, according to Wellness Coordinator Richard Gibbs, who helped the Smoking Committee write the survey. On the committee are members of the Health and Human Performance department, representative from the Student Life and Leadership office, and smokers and non-

smokers among LBCC's students, faculty and staff.

The committee distributed approximately 800 surveys during the first three weeks of the term. Copies were available in Takena Hall and other locations, and faculty members were given copies to pass on to their students. In addition, The Commuter printed survey questions in the April 16 issue. Of the 394 surveys returned, 83 percent came from nonsmokers.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the vast

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—Richard Gibbs

majority of respondents said that they would like to see smoking on campus restricted to a limited number of outside areas.

The five most popular requirements for designated smoking areas were:

1. Smokers be required to keep the areas clean, particularly to keep cigarette butts off the ground, tables and seats.
2. The areas should be away from doorways and windows.
3. Outside smoking areas should be

covered.

4. Seating should be available.

5. The campus should have one designated smoking area per building.

The survey was conducted after campus officials received numerous complaints about butts on the ground and in hallways, and complaints that smokers were smoking so close to doorways that nonsmokers were bothered as they entered and left buildings.

"We're looking for a positive solution for both sides," Gibbs said. "One that's not punitive."

The survey included a section for open-ended comments for respondents

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English instructor to give poetry reading

LBCC English instructor Beth Camp will read from her poetry today from noon to 1 p.m. in the College Center Board Rooms. Camp said she likes to write poetry between grading student papers as a "link to ideas, feelings, people, places and events in history—from mermaids to Mexico." Her poems have been published in Oregon English, LBCC's Eloquent Umbrella and several regional poetry magazines.

Bookstore prepares for graduation ceremony

With graduation just around the corner, the LBCC Bookstore is preparing to stock up on supplies. Announcements, thank you notes and miscellaneous graduation gifts will be available by May 1, and caps, gowns and tassels will be available after May 12. Students must have their forms from admissions to purchase these items. Cost for the entire set is \$6.50. Phi Theta Kappa members can order their special graduation materials between May 12-28; they can pay for them when ordering or when the items are picked up. A \$1.50 handling fee will be assessed per order.

Family Fund-Raiser scheduled on May 3

LBCC's Family Resources Department will hold its annual scholarship fund-raiser on Saturday, May 3, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Benton Center in Corvallis. There will be activities for the children and a silent auction of goods and services for the parents. Quilted wall hangings, made by parents in Parent Education classes, will be raffled as door prizes. Raffle tickets, at 50 cents each, can be purchased at the event or at the Family Resources offices in the Workforce Education Building, Room 106.

Women's Center holds May Day open house

The Women's Center of LBCC plans an "Open House" celebration for May Day. Inviting everyone to come and explore the facilities and services of the the Women's Center, the open house will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 1. Located in the Industrial Arts Building on the second floor, Room 225 will be the site for the activities.

School tries new format for class schedules

From the LBCC News Service

The summer term schedule of classes for LBCC will be sporting a new format this year.

In an attempt to produce a more user-friendly document, the Marketing & Publications office has designed a new format of class listings for the summer term.

Based on examples from other educational institutions, the new format eliminates the need for students to read completely across the page to obtain all information for each class.

Instead, the listings will be placed in a column, two per page, several lines deep.

The listings will continue to contain all the information that is normally listed, except for the section number. However, the section number, necessary for use in the Bookstore, will appear when

the student's schedule/bill is printed.

Students should be very careful to check pages 7 and 8 of the summer term schedule of classes, said Joe Sherlock of Marketing & Publications. These pages contain the new instructions on how to read the class listings accurately. It will also give details on how to use them to fill out the registration request form.

The new format is an experiment, according to Sherlock. After the summer term registration period, students and staff will be surveyed about their per-

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ception of the new form. Depending on the survey, a decision will be made whether it will be used in the fall.

The summer term schedule of classes will be available on campus the first of May and in mailboxes soon after.

Due to the time of production cycles, the year-long planning schedule will be in the usual full-page format.

what students think

LB students propose gift possibilities for future classes

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

Covered parking, bleachers for the baseball diamond and more colorfully painted walls are among the suggestions offered by students as possible gifts for LBCC from the Class of 1997.

ASLBCC student government has been considering ideas for how to spend \$4,000 in "special project" funds to purchase a legacy for future students. ASG decided earlier to spend \$499 on dictionaries for the Adult Basic Education and ESOL programs, and is scheduled to meet today at 3:30 p.m. to decide what to do with the rest.

Asked by The Commuter for their ideas, students suggested everything from Frisbees to reader boards.

"Sports equipment," said Jason Anderson, a business administration major from Albany, who would like to see Frisbees and other equipment available for loan from the Activities Center, and outside basketball hoops over by the baseball area.

Gary Magee, a Philomath student

majoring in mechanical engineering, agreed with Anderson, adding that he wants "No Smoking" signs around campus. "I'd like to see smoking banned at LBCC," he said.

Shane Wendstaff of Albany suggested that bleachers or other seats be provided for the baseball and track fields, and Sammy Greene, a business major from Albany, added that "more money for security would be good. There aren't enough security officers to catch crooks around here."

Mark Martin, a science major from Albany, said the money should be used for instructional purposes. "The money should go to labs and field trips. With more money in the budget, we could do more things."

"Improve the library," horticulture major Gloria O'Brien of Blodgett said. "We need more updated books."

Many students could not come up with proposals and weren't even aware of this tradition. A couple of students, who wish to remain anonymous, requested a restroom in the Learning Resource Center.

Carley Harris, a culinary arts major from Lebanon, objected to one idea under consideration by the ASG. "Money for more Pass the Buck boxes is wasteful," she said.

Parking complaints frequently surface among students. Angela Anderson, an Albany business major, said more parking spaces are needed, especially in front of the business building, adding that lots of classes are offered there, but it's hard to find a close parking spot.

Covered parking would be nice, said Philomath business major Clare Perdew.

Lynn Johnson, an agriculture education major from McMinnville, thought a reader board should be installed along the road to campus, "even though we don't have many events."

"Paint the walls and make it cheerier," said Shandi Read, a Corvallis student in the dental assistant program. "Or knock out some walls and put in some windows. It's pretty grim around here."

Survey respondents suggest bringing in 'butt police'

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to offer some of their personal attitudes about smoking on campus.

Among those comments were the following:

- "From the way this survey is constructed, it appears you have already made up your mind about what to do. Typical."
- "What's not working with current smoking areas?"
- "Ban smoking on the campus grounds. We want a smoke-free campus like Oremet or the airlines. Let's set a new standard."
- "Don't make it attractive to smoke. Don't put up comfortable areas for smokers."

- "Why were ashtrays removed? Taking them away doesn't help."
- "It would be easier to keep cigarette butts in ashtrays if they weren't used for food and other trash."
- "This is the dirtiest campus I have ever taught at, mostly because of smokers."
- "This campus stinks of tobacco, the worst I've ever seen."
- "Get 'butt police' to ticket and fine those who litter the ground with cigarette butts."
- "At 26 years, I am sick and tired of the Nazi attitude of anti-smokers taking away our freedoms. I am a responsible smoker and have the right to smoke."

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CAMPUS NEWS

Students treated to archaeological exhibit, demonstration

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a change in focus for the programming board, which sponsors events of interest to LBCC students. In the past, Bryant said, campus events such as dances or socials were poorly attended.

Last year, the programming board sponsored a tour of the Imperial Tombs of China exhibition, and it recently footed the bill for tickets to Oregon State University's "Persian Nights" dinner.

Next month it will sponsor a trip to the Oregon Shakespearean Festival in Ashland, with a reduced-price admission to Shakespeare's "King Lear," and a foreign-students-only tour of the Oregon Coast Aquarium. Bryant said the OMSI tour cost about \$100 for discounted student tickets, plus the use of an LBCC van for transportation.

"We're starting to go more in this direction: things that are both affordable and educational. We are trying to align the kind of events we sponsor with curricula because of limited time and money. These kinds of things seem to be better attended," she said, "because they seem to cater to a wider variety of students."

At OMSI, tour members learned that not all ancient residents of the Gobi were giants. Some dinosaurs were very small—in dinosaur terms, at least—the size of ostriches or emus. But the skeletons of Psittacosaurus (named for its parrot-like beak) and Archaeornithomimus (similar to the oviraptors that starred in "Jurassic Park"), while small enough to take in with a single glance, hold the attention of many visitors even



Photo by John Bragg

An OMSI volunteer demonstrates techniques used to uncover fossils at the Giants of the Gobi exhibit.

more than the tank-like Protoceratops, or the 85-foot long Nurasaurus gaganensis, affectionately dubbed "Nancy," which is the largest assembled dinosaur in the world.

The smaller dinosaurs seemed to watch the crowds with an ancient, fossilized intelligence. One could imagine hiding from a dinosaur the size of a house; it was harder to imagine escaping from a beast small enough to follow you anywhere.

The Gobi was first explored for fossils in 1922 by Roy Chapman Andrews, an American bone-hunter who hoped to dig for the remains of ancient humans in

the Chinese desert. But he didn't have to dig at all—blown free from the sand beneath the famed Flaming Cliffs, dinosaur bones just lay there for the taking.

Andrews made three trips to the Gobi in all, finding not only dinosaurs, but also the first dinosaur eggs, fossils of ancient, rat-sized mammals, mammoths and woolly rhinoceroses.

Examples of all are on display. About half of the fossils are actual bones; the rest are casts made from finds by Andrews and more recent explorations, an OMSI guide said.

Because China has allowed very few visitors into the Gobi, it was and re-

mains, one of the best fossil-collecting sites in the world, according to a spokesman for the American Museum of Natural History, which sponsored Andrews' work during the 1920s.

The OMSI exhibit realistically mimics the desert environment, except for the desert heat.

Visitors enter the exhibit through a mock campsite with gear and packing crates scattered around similar to those used by Andrews, including an ancient, desktop typewriter, fur-lined sleeping bags, hardtack tins and coal-oil lanterns.

The eerie glow of sunrise silhouettes the Flaming Cliffs that surround exhibits of dying dinosaurs floundering in the pale golden sand of ancient riverbeds while winds stir the sand.

Nearby, schoolchildren gather around a recreated excavation site where a museum volunteer demonstrates the delicate technique of exhuming a dinosaur skeleton from its ancient sandstone grave.

Modern paleontologists pack fossils carefully in latex and reinforced crates for shipment; all Andrews' team had to protect their prizes on the long journey out of the desert were empty fuel cans and camel's hair plucked from the expedition's beasts of burden.

Jon and Lauri, LBCC students who took the tour but "preferred to retain some anonymity," applauded the programming board's new emphasis and encouraged it to sponsor similar tours in the future. "On a student's budget, the price for this was right," Jon said.



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Hurt animals find helping hands

Local veterinarians, volunteers rehabilitate injured animals

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

Critters, feathered and furry, wild and domestic, suffer every day because of their brush with civilization.

Many don't survive.

The lucky ones are brought to caring individuals who donate their time, compassion and expertise to restore the animals' health and return them to their homes or find homes for the homeless.

Animal control officers in both Linn and Benton counties make an attempt to find the owners of all dogs and cats wearing collars. When injured dogs and cats are found, first they are taken to a veterinarian for treatment. If the owners of the pets cannot be found, the pets are taken to the local humane society, Safehaven or to K-9 Homefinders.

Injured wild animals are taken to Chintimini Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Corvallis, where they are examined by veterinarians and either rehabilitated and released or euthanized.

Chintimini is an all-volunteer, non-profit group that receives and rehabilitates 700 to 800 injured wildlife each year. Throughout the day one of 45 volunteer veterinarians and other care-givers feed, medicate and do general maintenance on the wounded, caged wildlife.

The animals treated at Chintimini have varied from a baby shrew and a hummingbird, to a black bear and a bald eagle. Once an albatross that washed ashore in Newport was brought in.

"We get a number of animals from Newport every year," said Jeff Picton, executive director of Chintimini. He added, "The albatross was skin and bones with a broken wing." The wing was repaired, and the bird was fattened up before being released in Washington.

Picton said that some of the wild animals cannot be released. Some are put down, depending on whether their injuries will affect their survival. Certain birds are kept at Chintimini for educational purposes.

Since Chintimini is run completely on a volunteer basis, they are always in need of donations of time and money. For liability purposes, volunteers must be at least 18 years old and licensed by both the Oregon

Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Picton gives the following advice to anyone who happens to find an injured wild animal and feels comfortable handling it.

- Get it off the road and out of danger
- Try to keep the animal quiet
- Put it in a box
- Cover it with a blanket
- Keep it warm and comfortable
- Minimize stimuli
- Do not hold the animal or treat it as if it's domestic
- Always be careful
- Take the animal to a veterinarian or to Chintimini for treatment.

Those who feel uncomfortable handling the animal can call either animal control officials or Chintimini. The phone number for Chintimini is 745-5324.

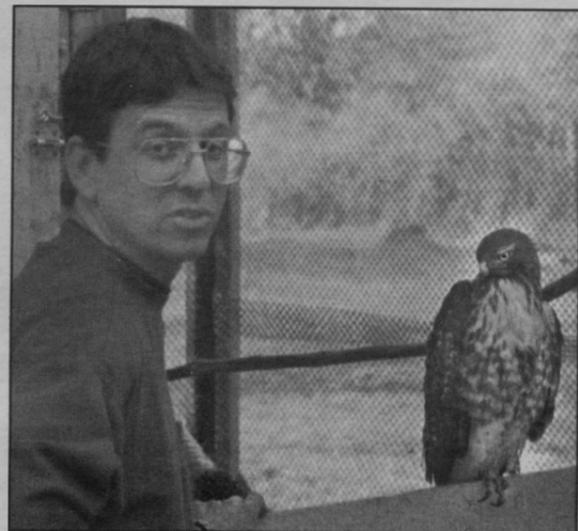
Critter Busters is another nonprofit organization that does wildlife and domestic rescues, live capture and relocation. Denise Boyer of Critter Busters is often called "the skunk lady" because she raises orphans skunks. She once had a skunk that enjoyed peanut butter so much it got its head stuck in a peanut butter jar. The skunk was so focused on getting its head out of the jar that it didn't even spray Boyer.

Skunks are not the only animals Boyer has been called to help with. She has been asked to do everything from trying to relocate a raccoon and her babies from the inside of a chimney to rescuing an opossum stuck in a windowsill. Critter Busters also takes domestic animal calls.

Boyer said that donations are always welcome. Critter Busters charges a small fee for domestic rescues. People seem happy to pay.

Veterinarian Ken Fletcher, owner of The Albany Animal Hospital, is one of the veterinarians to whom injured animals are often taken. Fletcher feels, "If there's an injured animal out there, I would rather salvage it than euthanize." He often absorbs the costs of the injured animal's medical care.

If the animal's owner cannot be found, Fletcher finds homes for domestic animals as well. "Because," he said, "that's why I went into veterinary medicine."



Photos by Roger Lebar

A red tailed hawk and bobcat are two of the animals being rehabilitated by the staff at the Chintimini Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, pictured here with the center's executive director, Jeff Picton.

He has adopted out 12 animals. He screens the people who receive the animals the best he can.

Fletcher often gets wild animals that he stabilizes in preparation for shipment to Chintimini.

Once he treated a cougar with minor injuries after it had been hit by a car in Lebanon. The cougar was released back to the wild to find her babies.

Fletcher also volunteers to see wounded wild and domestic animals brought to him by Critter Busters.

The Heartland Humane Society is another local agency that receives animals. In March more than 100 dogs and cats were brought in. Most were euthanized, some were picked up by their owners, others were adopted. Extras are housed at satellite stations in Benton County waiting for homes.

Animal control officials recommend pet owners get licenses or tags. They also recommend that you call your local humane society or animal control office if your pet is missing.

Eat great food, drink in the sights at Eugene's Saturday Market

by Cindi Fuller
of The Commuter

The Eugene Saturday Market has reopened this month for another season of handcrafted art, scrumptious food and rollicking good music.

From one block away in the parking lot, you can feel and see the festive mood and excitement. The hum of people's voices and the musical notes from the bands trickle throughout downtown Eugene.

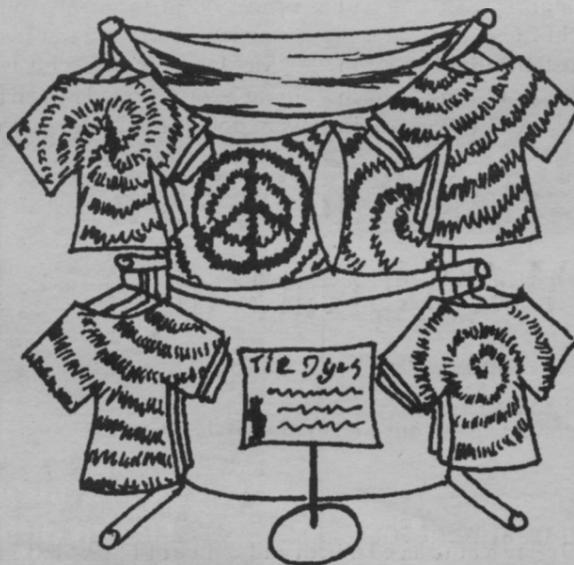
The vast smorgasbord of people move back and forth across the streets. Diversity abounds with every culture and lifestyle appearing for the celebration. A person could easily spend their whole day just people watching. You can see the beauty of people coming together in all forms, from the hippie community to the conservative elderly, and they are enjoying the festival and each other.

There are three areas of the Eugene Saturday Market. The aroma of the food court and stage area brings a hunger sensation immediately. You can find a buffet of food choices ranging from fish tacos to Chinese noodles and freshly baked brownies. The smells will lead you to your favorite.

The stage has an ongoing variety of bands and entertainment to watch as you sit in a park-like setting indulging in your favorite food.

Going across Oak Street you come to Fountain Plaza, which is filled with booths stocked with products to catch the eye.

Tye-dye clothing is obviously one of the hot-selling items, with multiple booths and a range of prices and products. The tye-dye fad of the 1960s



has not died at the Eugene market. When you look at the racks of T-shirts, underwear, baby clothing, scarves and skirts, the demand is obvious by the number of people buying them.

Moving from booth to booth you come to West Country Designs manned by Vicky. There are meticulously hand-painted tables for the porch or house. The vibrant colors of purple backgrounds and bright white, pink and yellow flowers make you want to find a reason to buy one.

Continuing your journey you may come to the Characters in Clay booth and meet the artist/potter Kim Allen. The items immediately bring laughter and smiles

to your heart and face while looking at the pigs, bears and humorous buddy collections of mugs, vases and keepsake containers.

If you like jewelry, you will be in paradise. There is every type of jewelry attire you could ask for—silver rings, bracelets and necklaces with inlaid turquoises or your choice of stones, woven leather bracelets, custom-made bead anklets, and copper and brass pins and bracelets that catch the sun's rays, drawing your attention better than a neon sign. Too much selection and not enough money is the only problem you may have.

Continuing your maneuvers through the crowds and booths, you may come across a booth that specializes in cat items—cat pictures, jewelry, pottery and clothing; a dream come true for the dedicated cat lover. Or perhaps you will come across the Bad Dog Art Works booth with its beautiful original drawings and hand-painted shirts by Jim Blandford.

Directly across the street from the food court is the Courthouse Plaza. Here you will find music, booths, clowns and just a great place to hang out. Standing on the corner of the plaza you can see across the street to where a farmer's market is going on, where fruit, vegetables, hay, plants and breads are being sold.

The Eugene Saturday Market is open every Saturday. To get there, follow the signs to Eugene city center and turn on Eighth Avenue. As you drive down Eighth, you cannot miss it. For more information about the Eugene Saturday Market or to get your own booth call (541) 686-8885.

SPORTS PAGE

'Runners close out busy week with four-game winning streak

LB builds momentum for its end-of-season run after a four-day stretch with seven games

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

The Roadrunner baseball team faced its toughest challenge of the season last week, playing seven games in four days, and ended on a positive note.

After getting off to a bumpy start by losing their first three games, the Roadrunners put the losses behind them and moved on to sweep the last four.

On Thursday Mt. Hood came to LB for a doubleheader, and the Saints' pitching once again dominated the 'Runner offense, allowing only one run in each game while striking out 22.

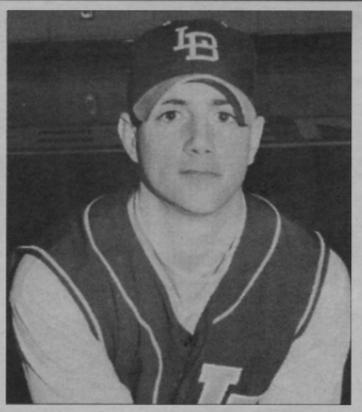
Game 1 was a pitching rematch of the first meeting between the two teams three weeks earlier. LB's Brannon Cedergreen struck out five, but uncharacteristically walked seven in the 4-1 loss. The only Roadrunner score came in the first when Omar Cepeda singled and drove in Robbie Hollister. Domingo Amaya went 2-for-4.

In the second game Brady Hudson mustered up Linn-Benton's only hit, moving Ryan French to third base and enabling him to eventually score on a wild pitch. That tied the game at one, but Mt. Hood scored the winning run in the seventh off of Dan Bowers, who came in to relieve starter Brian Fauth.

Friday the Roadrunners traveled to Salem to face Chemeketa and made a spirited comeback to win the second game after committing eight errors in the first game to lose it 7-4.

"Our errors are starting to concern me," said Coach Greg Hawk. "I've always prided my teams in having strong defense and that's why my teams in the past have been so successful."

jock in the box



Who: John McManus

What: Freshman Outfielder

Background: McMinnville High School/ McMinnville Ore.

Recent Highlights: In three games last week he went 8 for 10, scored two runs and drove in three.

Stats: .346 batting average, scored 18 runs, driven in 10 and stolen seven bases.

Sports Hero: Ken Caminiti

Best Sports Moment:

"My junior year in high school me and my brother were on the same team. He hit a home run early in the game, and then, later in the game, I hit a home run, and we won the game."



Photo by Shawna Phillips
Roadrunner Adam Gudger beats the throw home to score the final run in the second game of the doubleheader against SWOCC on Saturday. LB won the game 5-3.

Robbie Greenawald pitched three innings in which he gave up four runs, but only one run was earned.

Despite a small rally by the 'Runners in the fourth and fifth innings, reliever Bowers couldn't completely quiet Chemeketa's bats, and Greenawald ended up with the loss.

Cepeda was 2-for-5, scored one run and drove in two. Craig Pfeifer went 2-for-4, scored one run and stole a base.

The second game didn't start off much better, as the Chiefs jumped on Derek Wells and scored six runs in the first. However, Mickey Lydic came in to relieve him and had another outstanding performance, striking out seven in four-and-a-third innings and walking only one. Josh Fox earned his first save when he took over in the sixth inning and struck out six in his two innings of work.

The hitting of Roger Sebastian and John McManus finally put a spark plug in the 'Runners offense. Sebastian tripled and scored in both the third and the fourth innings and added two RBIs. McManus started the eight-run fourth inning with one of his four hits on the day. He also scored two runs and drove in three.

French, Hollister and Cepeda all had two-hit efforts for LBCC.

"It was the most thrilling and fun game that I've seen in a long time," Coach Hawk commented. "And it was a win

that I felt that we had to have."

In the three-game series versus Southwestern Oregon over the weekend Linn-Benton's bats stayed hot and the pitching settled down.

In the first game on Saturday there were four Roadrunners that were perfect from the plate and two that came close. Pfeifer was 3-for-3 with a double, two runs and one RBI. McManus, Hollister and Adam Gudger went 2-for-2. Gudger scored two runs while Hollister added three RBIs.

Chris Burton had three hits in four at bats including two doubles and had two RBIs. Cepeda was 2-for-3 and also batted in two runs.

SWOCC tried to get started early with one run in the top of the second, but LB retaliated with three in the bottom half of the inning and then batted around in the third to score five. They held on easily for 11-5 victory. Brady Hudson, who started the game, earned his first win of the season and reliever Jason Hall got his first save.

There weren't quite as many hits in the second game, but there was no need for it. Ryan Scroggins, who is usually a reliever, pitched a complete game, giving up one hit, three runs (only two were earned) and striking out five.

McManus was the hit leader again, going 2-for-4. Cepeda and Barry Banville were both 1-for-2 and scored two runs,

hawk squawk box

"If it's a first pitch, dead red fastball, let's get on it. I think we've gotten ourselves a little bit laid back on the first pitch. Get up there, and the first pitch that you like, that's in the zone, come out of your damn shoes."

—Greg Hawk

and Neftali Aguiar was 1-for-1.

On Sunday rain threatened to stop the final game of the series a couple of times, but nothing could stop Linn-Benton. Bowers started the game and gave up two runs early, but the 'Runners slowly crawled back into the game, spacing out their runs until they climbed to a 5-2 lead after the sixth.

A critical throwing error by Bowers helped the Lakers score three to tie the game in the seventh, but second baseman Jake Williams ended SWOCC's rally when he picked off a line drive that was the hardest ball the Lakers had hit all day.

Roadrunner Ben Ward saved the day by leading off the bottom of the seventh with a double and was driven in by Gudger. In the bottom of the eighth, Jamie Hollister gave LB a little insurance by doubling and scoring off of a single by Banville.

The insurance wasn't necessary, however, because Fox came in to strike out four, walk one and give up no hits to earn his second save.

Hollister was 3-for-4, Banville 2-for-4 with two RBIs, Ward 1-for-2 and Aguiar 2-for-3 with two doubles and one RBI.

"If we can keep our attitude, demeanor and our concentration that we've had in these last few games, we'll be all right in the tough fight for the playoffs," said Hawk.

The Roadrunners have only eight more league games left in the season. They will be playing a twin bill at home this weekend against Clackamas at 1 p.m. and will use next week for any makeup games if needed.

Stauble takes third in high jump at WOSC track meet

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

The Linn-Benton track team finished in the top five in four events at Western Oregon State College on Saturday.

Rich Stauble was the Roadrunner who placed the highest, coming in third in the high jump with a mark of 6-4 1/4.

The men's 4x100 relay team placed fourth with a time of 42.99. Matt Phillips pole vaulted 15 feet to earn a fifth place finish. Melissa Gale and Renee Growcock also placed fifth in their events. Gale threw the javelin 126 feet and Growcock ran the 3,000 in 11:26.64.

Seven others placed in the top 10. Kyle Sherrod came in sixth in the 100 meters with a time of 11.40. Cambria Martin ran the 3,000 in 12:13.09 to come in seventh.

Four 'Runners placed eighth: T.J. Pinkston, Rich Stauble, Darcy Zettler and Heather Decker. Pinkston high-jumped 6-02 1/4. Stauble ran the 200 meters in a time of 22.96. Zettler ran the 400 in 1:05.57. Decker threw the shot put 36-06 3/4 and also placed 10th in the hammer throw with a mark of 97-06.

Following the NWAACC Multi-Event at the Linn-Benton track this week, LBCC will be traveling to Oregon City to participate in the Clackamas Open this Saturday.



Photo by Jason Andrus

Up and Over

Josh Bjornstad nicks the bar as he competes in the high jump during this week's NWAACC Multi-Event. Bjornstad and James O'Kane were competing in the decathlon for LBCC at the two-day event.

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City of Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation Dept. is now accepting applications for the Summer Day Camp Program and the Swim Park. Day Camp employees are responsible for planning activities for children ages 4 to 10. Positions include Leaders and Aides. Swim Park positions include Lifeguards and Head Guard, responsible for overseeing operations and supervising guarding staff. For more information go to the Career Center, Takena Hall or call 917-7480.

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OPINION PAGE

letters

Education: key to the future

To the Editor:

On April 7, the Portland Public Schools Foundation launched an intensive statewide public outreach campaign to underscore the ongoing and unresolved K-12 school funding crisis facing Oregon.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon stands firmly with those who urge our State Legislature to provide adequate funds for schools throughout the state, without further depleting support for human services. EMO supports the current statewide campaign because we believe that "Schools Matter!" The future of Oregon's continued high quality of life depends upon excellent public school education. At a time when Oregon's economy is at its highest level in the history of the state, it is incongruous that we would be laying off teachers, requiring students to depend upon textbooks that are worn and tattered, and discontinuing the kinds of programs that enable children to mature and develop their given talents. How is it that we would build more prisons—spending \$15,000 to incarcerate one prisoner for a year—and spend only \$5,000 per year to educate a student?

Quality public schools matter because perhaps more than anything else in our history as a nation, public schools have offered the promise of equal opportunity for every child regardless of social or economic status and without regard for racial background, holding out the hope and potential for achievement and success in life.

As Executive Director of EMO, I asked that each of our 16 judicatories and 2,000 member congregations across the state offer a Service of Commitment on the weekend of April 25-27, in whatever manner fits each congregation's life and witness. In some churches, teacher and school staff were invited to attend a worship service. Some pastors spoke on the value of public education in the life of a child; others included appropriate scriptures and prayers in their services, and some undoubtedly encouraged church members to contact their senators and representatives. It is obvious: Oregon has the money to provide both human services and quality public schools, as well as to provide sufficiently for other needed areas of service to our citizens. However, schools must be brought to the top of the priority list or we will pay a high price in the future. "Schools Matter," and the faith communities of our State are concerned.

The Rev. Dr. F. Wayne Bryant, Portland

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commentary

Lionizing Tiger is a step in the wrong direction

University of Minnesota

Tiger Woods, champion. Tiger Woods, superstar. Tiger Woods, millionaire. Tiger Woods, minority.

Before the youngest-ever Masters Tournament champion slipped on his new green jacket, the prestigious trophy of the historically all-white Augusta National Golf Club, commentators were already speaking in grand terms about the cultural significance of the event. Made more dramatic because it happened almost exactly 50 years after Jackie Robinson first played for the Brooklyn Dodgers, the African/Asian-American Woods broke another color barrier.

That Woods' victory is a milestone remains unquestioned, but the significance of such accomplishments is not clear. In the weeks leading up to the anniversary of Robinson's debut and Woods' masterful Masters, we've been deluged with a host of stories about all aspects of race and sports. For every congratulatory commentary there has been a story about the damage done by a misplaced emphasis on sports. Every story—positive or negative—is in turn greeted with criticism from all sides. Only from the breadth of opinion and volume of voices does the tentative consensus emerge that these events are somehow important.

Such is the history of the discussion of race in America. We are as quick to congratulate as we are to condemn, but painfully slow to engage in a direct dialogue. The spectrum of emotions involved—frustration, anger, guilt, hope, fear—is deep and encrypted. Detailed arguments break down some questions, while shorthand superlatives glaze over others. In the end we've talked a lot, but made little progress in bridging the complex and often painful gap in understanding.

Enter the icon, that peculiar American phenomenon to which we pin all aspirations and expectations. Whether athletes, actors or all-purpose celebrities, icons are supposedly ideals, therefore role models. Some accept this so-called duty; others chafe at it; but few have inherently earned it. By virtue of their prowess and prominence, stars are made the standard bearers for whatever demographic they represent: Ellen DeGeneres, gay comedian; Christopher Reeve, dis-

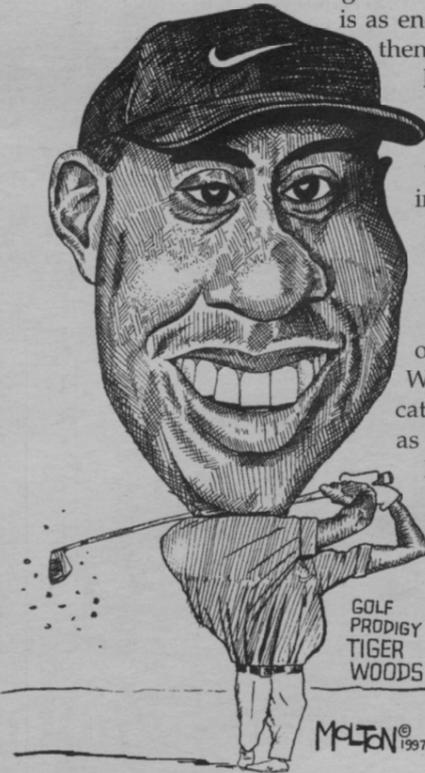
abled actor; Tiger Woods, black golfer.

But icons are not a cross section of the populace or even a reliable indicator of social change. They are individuals, and exceptional individuals at that. Their success or failure has little to do with the culture at large. Arthur Ashe, for all his extraordinary efforts to be a role model in life and in death, did not change the game of tennis. He changed the many lives he touched as an individual. Half a century after Jackie Robinson

integrated baseball, racism is as endemic as it was then. Some progress has been made, and his character and determination are indeed an inspiration, but we have much farther to go.

When we lionize Tiger Woods as an indication of a new era, as many headlines have in recent days, we do a disservice to the profound and critical discussion of race in this nation. If his achievement opens a

door for that dialogue, wonderful. If he chooses to use his stature to further that discussion, fantastic. But his unprecedented success should be celebrated for what it is: a record-breaking performance by an extremely talented young golfer, not a benchmark of social change in this country, in sports or even in golf itself.



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LOONEY LANE

How to survive summer with Mom, Dad and their rules

by Melissa Morris
Miami University

As the end of the academic year quickly approaches, thousands of college students are making plans for their summer vacations. For many students, these plans include going home to live with Mom and Dad—and their rules.

"I know I'll have a curfew, and I won't be able to stay out all night," Valentina Vazquez, a first-year student at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, said. "I'll also have to get a job."

Only a short while ago, first-year students made a break from their families to attend college and took control of their own lives, many for the first time. Now those same students will be returning home, but this time as more independent people.

When students, who've grown accustomed to their newfound freedom, chafe against their parent's same old rules and restrictions, a summer spent at home can quickly become too heated for all involved, say counselors.

Nicole LaCross, a first-year student at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, said the transition from school to home will be an adjustment.

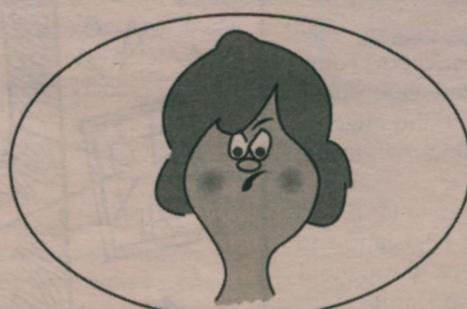
"My parents are big on letting them know where I am and what I'm going to do," said LaCross, who will spend the summer in Cincinnati with her parents. "The rules don't bother me. They're just different from school, where I'm free to go where I want, when I want."

Mary Ann Woodward, another first-year student at Miami University, admits that her parents are more lenient and don't enforce a curfew.

"I've enjoyed the year here, but it will be nice to be home for awhile," Woodward said. "It's like you live two different lives when you're in college, and sometimes it's nice to get back to the old one."

While most first-year students seem to be excited about spending some time at home, the response from the upperclass crowd was mixed.

Jim Warner, a graduating senior at Miami University, said he enjoyed his past summers because he got to see his high school friends.



'hang-on' to their child's youth, and therefore not personalize their parent's behavior as being a comment about the maturity of the student, but as a comment about the difficulty for a parent to 'let go,'" Wahl said.

Gary Robinson, director of counseling services at Hartwick College, Oneonta, N.Y., said the "three C's"

(communication, maintaining one's cool and compromising) are general ideas that apply to most college students, and can make living at home easier for parents as well as students during those summer months.

According to Robinson, communication is the key.

"It's beneficial to everyone if the student can request a family meeting before he returns home, to express to parents that he would like to work out some mutually agreeable rules and limits given the fact that the student has been setting his own rules for the better part of the year," he said.

Second is maintaining one's cool, which especially applies to students. Robinson said that parents often get defensive and set more rigid rules if the student reacts with anger.

Third is compromising. Robinson suggests a plan where students can have some of their beloved college freedom in terms of staying out late on the weekends, if they give in and spend most weeknights at home.

Finally, if the three C's fail, Robinson offers the fourth C—counseling—as the last alternative.

"Some students and parents are destined for conflict if they spend too much time under the same roof," Robinson said. "This doesn't mean they don't deeply love each other. It's just that they can't live together anymore for extended periods of time."

If this is the case, Robinson suggests that these students try to find summer jobs, such as camp counseling, that may supply housing. Or, he says, they could rent an apartment with other students in the same situation.

Whatever the situation, planning for the transition home now may prevent students from spending a summer at home that's too hot to handle, he adds.

"My only rule was to be polite and to let my parents know where I was going," he said.

However, Cara Murphy, a junior at Miami University, said her past summers at home in Lima, Ohio, were miserable.

"Most of my high school friends didn't come home for the summer," Murphy said. "I worked 80 hours every week, had a curfew and had to ask permission to go anywhere."

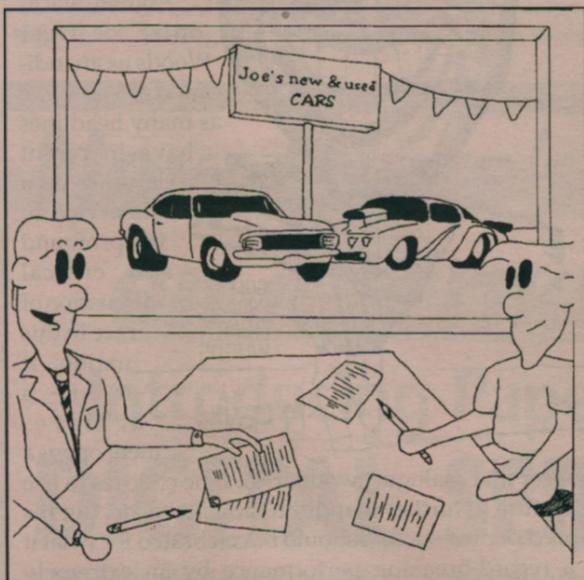
Murphy said this summer she plans to live independently in Nashville, Tenn., and work as a law clerk.

According to Dr. Wade Wahl, associate professor of psychology and director of the campus counseling service at Northwestern College, St. Paul, Minn., students should be aware of the potential for competing agendas between parents and themselves during long visits at home.

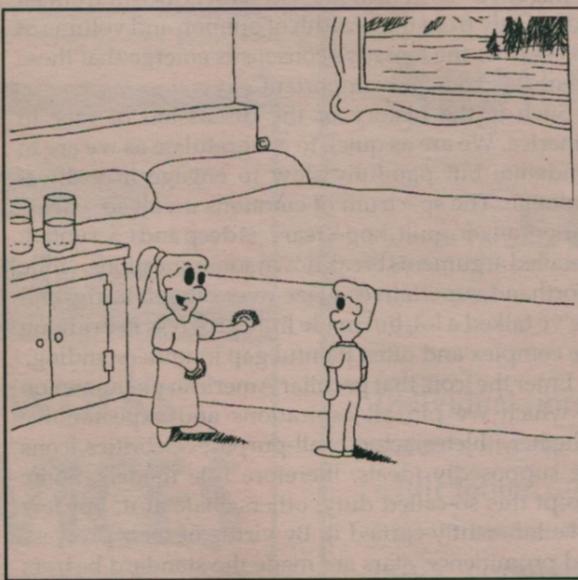
"Acknowledging this possible conflict allows the student not to impugn their parents for wanting to

Reality Bites

by Lance Dunn



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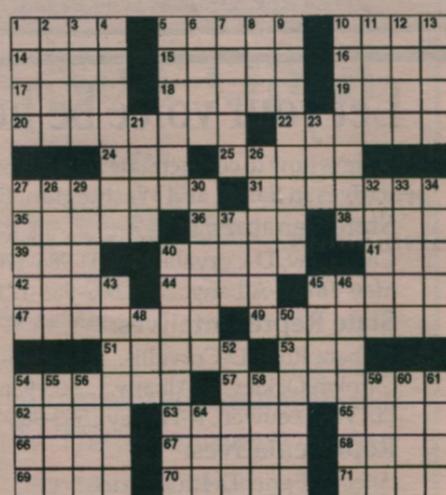


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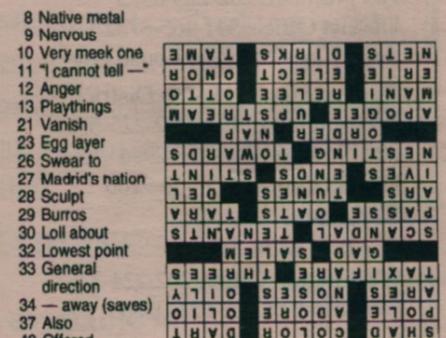
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